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The Wood Family

SACKVILLE, N. B.

BEING

A GENEALOGY OF THE LINE

FROM

THOMAS WOOD, OF ROWLEY, MASS.

Born about 1634

TO

JOSIAH WOOD, OF SACKVILLE, N. B.

Born in 1843.

WITH MANY FACTS ADDED CONCERNING
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THE following pages present the results of eight years research in connection with the ancestry of Honorable SENATOR WOOD, of Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada.

In addition to letters and family papers, the colonial records of Massachusetts and of Connecticut, the records of Essex and Middlesex Counties, Mass., of New London and Windham Counties, Conn., of the original town and Church and probate records of Boston, Salem, Cambridge, Littleton, Bradford and Rowley in Massachusetts, and of Enfield, Somers, Lebanon, Franklin, Norwich, Lisbon and Windham, in Connecticut, have been laid under contribution.

It is shown that Senator Wood is descended from Thomas Wood, of Rowley, Mass., who married Ann ——— in 1654. It is further indicated (Appendix H) how this Thomas Wood is probably descended from Sir Robert Wood, of Norwich, Norfolk County, England, who was knighted in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

Senator Wood will gladly receive any corrections, information to fill up missing links, or suggestions for further research.

GENEALOGY.

m. 7th June, 1654

THOMAS WOOD	ANN (HUNT?)
b. about 1634 buried 12th September, 1687	b. about 1637 d. 29th December, 1714

m. 16th January, 1680

JOHN WOOD	ISABEL HAZEN
b. 2nd November, 1656 d. ———	b. 21st July, 1662 d. ———

m. ———

JOSIAH WOOD	ELEANOR (BARRETT?)
b. 5th April, 1708 d. ———	b. ——— d. 17th January, 1763

m. 9th November, 1767

JOSIAH WOOD	RUTH THOMPSON
b. 9th March, 1740 d. after 1791	b. 20th November, 1745 d. after 1831

m. about 1804

JOSIAH WOOD	SARAH AYER
b. 22nd September, 1776 d. — March, 1809	b. 24th June, 1784 d. 26th December, 1867

m. 2nd December, 1841

MARINER AYER WOOD	LOUISA CYNTHIA TRUEMAN
b. — February, 1806 d. 11th August, 1875	b. 30th August, 1817 d. 30th August, 1859

m. 14th January, 1874

JOSIAH WOOD	LAURA SOPHIA TRUEMAN
b. 18th April, 1843.	b. 14th January, 1856.

FAMILY I.

THOMAS WOOD of Rowley, Mass., is supposed to be the first of his line in this country. His ancestors have not been discovered. There is some reason to believe he belonged to the Wood family of Norwich, Norfolk County, Eng. (*see Appendix H.*) The first known of him is his marriage, recorded in Rowley:—Thomas and Ann Wood were married 4^{mo} $7^{d.}$ 1654. His wife is thought to have been Ann Hunt. Rowley records show that he was a man of excellent Christian character and of high standing among his fellow citizens. All that is known of him is published in *Essex Co.* (Mass.) *Institute Collections;* therefore only the essential facts are here given. He was buried 12th September, 1687. His descendants are many and widely scattered.

Children Recorded in Rowley, Massachusetts:

1. Mary, b. 15th March, 1655; probably the Mary Wood who married Edward Ordway, 12th December, 1678. (Newbury, Mass., Records.)
2. John, b. 2nd November, 1656. FAMILY II.
3. Thomas, b. 10th August, 1658; m. Mary Hunt, 26th June, 1683; had 9 children; was buried 1st December, 1702. His widow married a Davis and removed to Mansfield, Conn.
4. Ann, b. 8th August, 1660; m. Benjamin Plummer, 15th January, 1678-9; resided in Rowley.
5. Ruth, b. 21st July, 1662; m. Capt. Joseph Jewett 16th Jan., 1680-1; resided in Rowley. She married (2)

John Lunt or Hunt 26th October, 1696, and died 29th October, 1734. The Jewett family of Norwich, Conn., from whom Jewett City received its name, is of this line.

6. Josiah, b. 5th September, 1664; m. Mary Felt 17th October, 1689; resided in Rowley, then in Concord, then in Enfield (now Somers, Conn.), where he died 10th December, 1728. His descendants still reside in Somers. He is said to have married (1) Sarah Elthorpe, and by her had one child, Joseph, but this seems doubtful.

7. Elizabeth, b. 5th September, 1664; perhaps m. Captain Joseph Boynton.

8. Samuel, b. 26th December, 1666; m. 21st January, 1689, Margaret Elthorpe; resided in Rowley; d. 25th November, 1690 — "coming from Canada"; had one child, Thomas.

9. Solomon, b. 17th May, 1669; m. 15th October, 1690, Mary Hazeltine; resided in Bradford, Mass.; had children.

10. Ebenezer, b. 29th December, 1671; m. 5th April, 1695, Rachel Nichols resided in Rowley, then in Mendon, Mass.; had 8 children, recorded in Rowley.

11. James, b. 22nd June, 1674; d. 8th October, 1694.

FAMILY II.

John Wood[2] (Thomas[1]), b. 2nd November, 1656, in Rowley, Mass.; m. 15th January, 1680, Isabel Hazen, of Rowley; d. ——

JOHN WOOD[2] settled in Bradford, Mass., about the time of his marriage (1680). In 1726 he removed from Bradford to Littleton, Mass. About the same time his son, John Wood, of Boxford, Mass., settled in Littleton. His son Joseph also spent a number of years in the same town, and his sons Richard and Josiah appear there as witnesses to a deed given by John Wood, senior, to Joseph Wood, carpenter, both of Littleton, 160 acres with buildings, in Littleton, 7th March 1728-9. *(Middlesex Co., Mass., Land Record Book 30, page 169.)* This farm John Wood of Bradford bought 11th May, 1726 (*ditto, page 168)*, which proves that John Wood of Bradford was John Wood, senior, of Littleton.

Isabel Hazen, wife of John Wood, was born in Rowley 5mo (July) 21$^{d.}$ 1662. She was the daughter of Edward Hazen, of Rowley, and his wife, Hannah, daughter of Thomas and Hannah Grant.

Of the sons of John Wood[2], five emigrated to Norwich, Conn., and settled on Portipaug Hill (now Franklin), near the Shetucket River. These five were Thomas, Joseph, Ebenezer, Richard and Josiah. Their mother's brother, Thomas Hazen, had already removed from Rowley to "Portipaug" Hill. They did not, therefore, go as strangers into a strange land. The death record of John Wood[2], and of his wife Isabel

have not been found, but further investigation may clear away the obscurity that covers their last days.

Children Recorded in Bradford and Rowley.

1. Hannah, b. 12th January, 1681-2; m. James Bailey in Bradford 14th July, 1702.
2. John, b. 13th February, 1683-4; m. Sarah Kimball (*See Kimball Genealogy);* resided in Boxford and Bradford until about 1726, when with his father and brothers he removed to Littleton, Mass., where he is supposed to have spent his remaining days.
3. Priscilla, b. 27th August, 1686.
4. Edward, b. 7th September, 1689; m. Mary Spofford, of Rowley, 23rd December, 1713 (*Newbury Records*); resided in Bradford.
5. Thomas, b. 28th November, 1691; in early life lived and probably married in Rowley. According to *Norwich Land Record Book,* 2 B, pages 743, 819, 860, he was of Rowley, Mass., 3rd June, 1714, and of Norwich, Conn., 9th July, 1715. In the same records he is called a carpenter. In Book 3 B, page 517, he is called brother of Joseph Wood, of Norwich. He married in Norwich 26th January, 1719-20, Experience Abell, possibly a second wife. He settled on "Pottopaug" Hill, near the Shetucket River, now in the township of Franklin, Conn. His children, all recorded in Norwich, were: 1. Annie, b. 14th June, 1722; m. Col. Jedediah Elderkin 31st August, 1741; resided in Windham. 2. Abiah, b. 14th October, 1723; d. 21st October, 1725. 3. Benjamin, b. 7th September, 1725; m. Elizabeth Dodge, of Windham, 5th November, 1753; had 5 children. 4. Martha, b. 23rd Oc-

tober, 1727; m. John Durkee, of Norwich, 3rd January, 1753. 5. Ruth, b. 19th January, 1729-30. 6. Zebedee, b. 30th March, 1732; m. Esther Hough 10th November, 1756; had 6 children. 7. Bela, b. 17th March, 1733-4; d. 25th October, 1757. 8. Lucy, b. 5th August, 1735. 9. Phineas, b. 20th September, 1737; married, lived in Windham. 10. Amey, b. 28th February, 1738-9; m. 15th April, 1761, Ebenezer Bingham.

6. Samuel, b. 18th November, 1693; perhaps settled in Mansfield, Conn.

7. Joseph, b. 5th May, 1696; m. 28th November, 1720, Hannah Carrier, of Lebanon, Conn. He died in Windham, Conn., 7th February, 1766, aged 70 years. He was a carpenter. The records show that he resided in Lebanon, Conn.; Norwich (Pottopaug Hill), Conn.; Lunenburg (Turkey Hills), Mass.; Littleton, Mass., and Windham, Conn. He was of Littleton, Mass., 14th November, 1729, at which date he and his wife Hannah signed deed to Littleton lands. He was of Norwich, Conn., when, 9th April, 1731, he deeded lands in Turkey Hills (Lunenburg), Mass., which he had bought, 27th June, 1728, of John Wood, jr., of Littleton, Mass. (See *Middlesex Co., Mass., Land Records,* Book 29, page 381, and Book 33, page 195.) As early as 1740 he settled in Scotland Parish, Windham, Conn., where he and his wife were members of the regular Congregational Church. A few years later they seceded and joined the Strict Congregational Church; but returned to the regular church 20th March, 1758. In Norwich deeds, Thomas Hazen and his son Jacob call this Joseph Wood "cousin," and this Joseph Wood calls Thomas Wood "brother." Therefore, Thomas and Joseph must have been sons

of John and Isabel (Hazen) Wood, of Bradford and Littleton.

Joseph Wood had the following children, and perhaps others: 1. Priscilla, b. 31st October, 1721, in Norwich; d. 1st April, 1743, in Windham. 2. Hannah, b. 8th April, 1725, in Lebanon; m. 3rd September, 1755, Samuel Tubbs, of Norwich. 3. Miriam, b. 1st November, 1728, in Littleton; m. 3rd May, 1748, Nathaniel Wood, of Norwich, her cousin. 4. Irene, b. 8th December, 1729, in Littleton; m. 22nd March, 1749, John Pember, of Norwich. 5. Joseph, b. 1st October, 1732, in Norwich; m. 8th April, 1756, Deborah Tubbs; resided in Windham; had 5 children.

8. Ebenezer, b. 8th May, 1698; removed to Norwich, Conn., and settled with his brothers on "Potapauge" Hill. He married in Norwich 12th March 1718, Mary Rudd, and had: 1, Mary, b. 25th Jan., 1719; m. Benoni Messenger 6th Sept., 1738. 2, Lydia, b. 26th July, 1720; m. Stephen Story, jr., 6th Oct., 1741. 3, Beulah, b. 27th Feb., 1721-2; m. Richard Haskins 23rd Nov., 1742. 4, Elizabeth, b. 16th Aug., 1724; m. Jonathan Eastman 17th July, 1744. 5, Ebenezer, b. 15th Nov., 1726; m. Philippa Story 10th Dec., 1745. 6, Nathaniel, b. 19th Nov., 1729; m. Miriam Wood, his cousin, 3rd May, 1748; had 5 sons and 2 daughters. 7, John, b. 6th Jan., 1731-2. 8, Esther, b. 29th Jan., 1734; m. Yetonce Barstow 6th Aug., 1751.

9. Bithia, b. 19th January, 1702-3; m. Jabez Bingham 8th February, 1720-21.

10. Richard, b. 30th January, 1705-6; by wife Sarah had born in Littleton, Mass., Eleanor, 28th May, 1728; John, 22nd January, 1729-30; and in Norwich,

Conn., Sarah, 3rd January, 1731-2, and Richard, 8th June, 1734.

11. Josiah, b. 5th April, 1708. Family III.

Note.— Eliphalet Wood, perhaps cousin of the above, settled in Norwich near the others of the name. He married there 2nd October, 1729, Mary Hough, and had Ann, b. 4th August, 1731; John, b. 28th October, 1733, d. 2nd February, 1779. Eliphalet Wood, "the father," died 18th January, 1738-9. An Eliphalet Wood of Norwich married Mrs. Mary Bennett of Ipswich, Mass., 22nd May, 1746.

In Windham Hannah Wood m. Ephraim Wright 29th June, 1724.

FAMILY III.

JOSIAH WOOD[3] (John[2], Thomas[1]); b. 5th April, 1708, in Bradford, Mass.; d.———; m. Eleanor ———; d. 17th January, 1763.

No record has been found of the marriage of Josiah and Eleanor Wood.

In Chelmsford Town Records we find that "Eleanor Barrett," daughter of John and Margaret Barrett, was born 26th May, 1706; also that John Swallow married Ann Barrett, both of Chelmsford, 3rd January, 1692-3.

John Swallow, of Chelmsford, Mass., deeded 13th May, 1729, to Josiah Wood, of Littleton, 30 acres, house, barn, etc., in Chelmsford. In this deed he calls Josiah Wood his "kinsman." The land described in this deed was conveyed to John Swallow by John Barrett a short time before, and the deed contained a provision that John Barrett and his wife should be cared for during life.

Josiah Wood, of Chelmsford, Mass., and his wife Eleanor deeded the same premises back to John Swallow 13th October, 1730, and in the deed they declare that they had received the same from him by "deed of gift."

These deeds prove a relationship between these three families and leave little doubt that Eleanor, wife of Josiah Wood, of Chelmsford, was either Eleanor Barrett, b. 26th May, 1706, daughter of John and Margaret Barrett, or a daughter of John and Ann (Barrett) Swallow.

In these deeds Josiah Wood is called a cordwainer. *(See Middlesex County, Mass., Land Records, Book 28, page 162; Book 31, page 283.)*

The first record found of Josiah Wood is in a deed witnessed by him and his brother Richard, 7th March, 1728-9. This deed was given by his father, John Wood, senior, to his brother, Joseph Wood, both of Littleton, Mass. *(Middlesex County, Mass., Land Records, Book 30, page 196.)*

In the spring of 1731 Josiah Wood "of Norwich," Conn., bought land in Norwich on "Potapaug Hill" and extending to the Shetucket River. *(Norwich, Conn., Land Records, Book 6, pages 289 and 307.)* Therefore he must have settled on Portipaug Hill, Norwich, after 13th October, 1730, and before the spring of 1731. His last recorded deed was given in Norwich 16th November, 1767. In November of this year Josiah Wood and his sons Job and Elijah sold their real estate on Portipaug Hill and probably moved away. Elijah was living in Amenia, Dutchess County, N. Y., in 1790. *(See Franklin, Conn., Land Records, Book 1, page 269.)* Eleanor, wife of Josiah Wood, died in Norwich 17th January, 1763. Josiah Wood, of Norwich, and Mrs. Rebecca Hosford, of Norwich, were married 8th September, 1763, by Rev. James Cogswell, of Canterbury, Conn.

Children recorded in Norwich, unless otherwise indicated:

1. Abigail, b. 25th February, 1727-8, recorded in Littleton, Mass.; m. Timothy Larabie, of Windham, 20th February, 1750-51.
2. Eleanor (?), not found on record, probably born in Chelmsford in 1730; m. in Norwich, Conn., John Knight, 24th November, 1748.
3. Isabel, b. 10th March, 1732-3; m. Benjamin Knight, of Norwich, 28th November, 1758.

4. Sampson, b. 19th May, 1735; m. Thankful ————, and had: Thankful, b. 14th March, 1761, in Cold Springs, now Belchertown, Mass.; Esther, b. 5th March, 1763, in Tolland, Conn.; Josiah, b. 7th March, 1768, and Calvin, b. 12th January, 1771, both in Windham, Conn.

5. Job, b. 31st July, 1737; m. Theoda Walbridge, of Norwich, — February, 1758, and had Levi, b. 2nd December, 1758; Joshua, b. 4th April, 1762; Lois, b. 20th March, 1765; Anna, b. 23rd February, 1767.

6. Josiah, b. 9th March, 1739-40 FAMILY IV.

7. Joshua, b. 14th April, 1742.

8. Elijah, b. 15th April, 1744; m. Mercy Lathrop, of Norwich, 23rd February, 1763, and had: Olive, b. 5th October, 1763; Andrew, b. 6th April, 1766; Jesse, b. 6th January, 1768. Elijah Wood was living in Amenia, Dutchess County, N. Y., 17th April, 1790. (*Franklin, Conn., Land Records,* Book 1, page 269.)

9. Priscilla, b. 18th July, 1746.

10. Thankful, b. 11th February, 1747-8.

11. Olive, b. 23rd September, 1750.

12. Martha, b. 20th April, 1753.

FAMILY IV.

JOSIAH WOOD[4] (Josiah[3], John[2], Thomas[1]), b. 9th March, 1740, in Norwich, Conn.; m. 9th November, 1767, Ruth Thompson, of Lebanon, Conn. *(see Appendix A);* d. about 1792.

Children Born in Lebanon, Conn.

1. Betsey, b. 13th June, 1768; married Loring Parsons. They were living in Montgomery County, N. Y., 15th September, 1800. (*Lebanon, Conn., Land Records,* Book 18, page 482.)
2. Josiah, b. 22nd September, 1776. See FAMILY V.
3. Charles Thompson, b. 19th October, 1779; married Elizabeth Tracy about 1801; died 20th March, 1807, She died 8th April, 1826. For descendants see Appendix C.
4. Eunice, b. 15th April, 1781. She is supposed to have married a man named Hoar and to have had a daughter Maria and perhaps a son Josiah. See Appendix G.

Josiah Wood[4] married and settled in Lebanon, Conn. He lived about five miles west of his father's home on Portipaug Hill. His real estate consisted of less than an acre of land, with house, barn and shop thereon, located on the east side of the street and about 60 rods north of the old brick church in Lebanon street.

Family tradition, which in this case is supported by the records, makes it certain that he left his family in Lebanon and went to Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, doubtless in the summer of 1791, to look up and get possession

of large tracts of land in that township which had been granted to his father-in-law, Robert Thompson, "now deceased."

Josiah Wood[4] is said to have died while on his return voyage, but just when is not known.

A few years after his death, probably in 1800, his widow, Ruth Wood, and his son, Josiah Wood[5], went to Nova Scotia on the same business that had drawn thither Josiah Wood[4]. The son remained there, but the widow returned to Connecticut, where she was alive as late as 1831. She seems to have been a woman of more than ordinary force of character and intelligence. Her husband made her his attorney to manage his affairs in Lebanon 27th June, 1791, just before he started for Nova Scotia, thus showing his faith in her ability. Her energy at the age of 55 years is seen in the wearisome journey to Nova Scotia and the return (1800 to 1802). No doubt the interests of her children impelled her to all these labors. See her letters in Appendix D.

FAMILY V.

JOSIAH WOOD[5] (Josiah[4], Josiah[3], John[2], Thomas[1]), b. 22nd September, 1776, in Lebanon, Conn.; m. probably in 1804, Sarah Ayer, of Dorchester, N. B. *(see Appendix B);* d. in March, 1809, at Dorchester, N. B.

Children Born in Dorchester, New Brunswick, Canada.

1. Mariner Ayer, b. — February, 1806. FAMILY VI.
2. Ann Thompson, b. 14th October, 1807; died 16th March, 1889, in Sackville, N. B.

In 1800 Josiah Wood[5] and his mother, Ruth Wood, came from Lebanon, Conn., to Dorchester, New Brunswick. The purpose of their coming was to get possession of the lands granted to Robert Thompson, grandfather of Josiah Wood[5], as has been previously mentioned. In this purpose we know they failed. They were in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, in the winter of 1800-1801, but returned to Dorchester, New Brunswick, the following autumn. Here he married in 1804 or early in 1805, and in this vicinity spent the rest of his days. His diary (now in possession of his descendants) begun in 1800, throws much light upon his life. It tells of his work as a cloth maker, of his teaching school, of his playing the flute and singing songs, and of many other characteristic events. This diary also throws considerable light upon life and society at the head of the Bay of Fundy one hundred years ago.

Sarah, widow of Josiah Wood[5] married (2) Philip Palmer, and with him resided in Sackville, N. B. She died there 26th December, 1867, aged 83 years.

FAMILY VI.

MARINER AYER WOOD[6] (Josiah[5], Josiah[4], Josiah[3], John[2], Thomas[1],) b. — February, 1806, at Dorchester, New Brunswick, Canada. m. (1) 2nd December, 1841, Louisa Cynthia Trueman, of Point de Bute, Westmorland County, N. B., where she was born 30th August, 1817; she died in Sackville, N. B., 30th August, 1859. m. (2) 8th July, 1863, Cynthia Bent, of Fort Lawrence, Cumberland County, Nova Scotia; she was born 20th September, 1822; she married (2) 26th April, 1890, in Montreal, Rev. John Prince, of Moncton, N. B.; she had no children *(see Bent Family page 176).* d. 11th August, 1875, in Sackville, N. B.

Children Born in Sackville.

1. Josiah, b. 18th April, 1843. FAMILY VII.
2. Charles Harmon, b. 31st August, 1845; died at Torquay, England, 6th April, 1871. He was a graduate of Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B., class of '66.

Mariner Ayer Wood early in life began business in a small way in Sackville, N. B. Under his careful planning and intelligent care it grew into a large mercantile and ship-building establishment with a widely known reputation. In 1871 a partnership was formed, the sons, Josiah and Charles Harmon, being added, and the firm name became M. Wood & Sons. But the

younger son, Charles Harmon Wood, died that same year (1871) and in 1875 the father, Mariner Wood, died. This left the son, Josiah Wood, sole representative and proprietor. Under him the business has been greatly increased and extended. It still bears the firm name of M. Wood & Sons.

FAMILY VII.

JOSIAH WOOD[7] (Mariner[6], Josiah[5], Josiah[4], Josiah[3], John[2], Thomas[1]), b. 18th April, 1843, in Sackville, N. B.; m. 14th January, 1874, Laura Sophia Trueman.

Children Born in Sackville, N. B.

1. Eleanor Louisa, b. 29th August, 1875; m. Frank B. Black, 24th February, 1898.
2. Herbert Mariner, b. 10th May, 1877.
3. Annie Laura, b. 16th February, 1879; d. 16th February, 1879.
4. Dora Beatrice, b. 3rd July, 1881.
5. William Trueman, b. 22nd July, 1884.
6. Hester Victoria, b. 28th February, 1887.

Honorable Josiah Wood[7] graduated at Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B., in 1863. He received from his Alma Mater the degree of M.A. in 1866 and the degree of D.C.L. in 1891. His position in the business world is seen in his extensive and varied transactions in the marts of two hemispheres. For thirteen years he represented his county in the Dominion House, and for eight years (1903) he has been a member of the Senate. The following account of Senator Wood is copied from *Mount Allison University Argosy* for March, 1902:

"Immediately after graduation Mr. Wood proceeded to the study of law in the offices of his uncle, the late Justice Palmer, and in due course was regularly admitted to the

bar. He, however, had scarcely entered the practice of his profession when the ill-health of his brother Charles brought about a change of plan, and business rather than law became his life work. The death of his father in 1875 threw upon him not only the headship, but the entire control of the well known house of M. Wood & Sons, a responsibility which he has retained unshared until the present. At the same time he succeeded his honored father, Mariner Wood, Esq., as a member of the Mount Allison Board of Regents and as treasurer of the corporation, which positions, greatly to the benefit of his Alma Mater, he still continues to hold.

Mr. Wood's course in college gave promise of a life of usefulness and distinction. He took exceptionally high rank as a student, even at that early period giving abundant evidence of that clear-headedness, that penetrative analytic quality of mind which has been his characteristic ever since. That promise has been made good. In business circles no name stands higher than his. His mercantile and financial interests have been of large proportions and wide ramifications, involving banking, railroading and real estate transactions, in addition to wholesale merchandising on a large scale.

In 1882 he was elected representative for the County of Westmorland in the Dominion House, and retained the seat till 1895, when he was elevated to the Senate. While in the Commons he occupied the responsible position of chairman of the committee on banking and commerce, and throughout his legislative career has sustained the reputation of being one of the clearest thinkers and most effective debaters in Parliament. His strength lies not in flashy, frothy rhetoric, for he has none of the arts of the stump-speaker, but in the fulness of his information, the searching analysis which he brings to bear on the phenomena which he dis-

cusses and the clearness with which his well-matured ideas are enunciated.

By none is the Senator's worth more fully recognized and appreciated than by the Regents, Faculty, Alumni and the general student body of Mount Allison. In directing the policy of the University and its cognate institutions, his counsel naturally exerts a potential influence. In financial emergencies he has proved a tower of strength, his advice invaluable and his personal contributions generous and frequent. As founder of "the Wood Professorship of Classics" and donor of other large gifts, he takes rank among the leading benefactors of his Alma Mater, in whose services he ungrudgingly spends time as well as money.

Senator Wood is still in the prime of life, and the Argosy and all its readers sincerely trust that he has many years yet left in which to work for Mount Allison and Canada."

APPENDIX A.

Ruth Thompson, wife of Josiah Wood[4], was the daughter of Robert Thompson and his wife Rebecca, daughter of Ebenezer and Rebecca (Sweetzer) Messenger. Rebecca Messenger was born in Boston 26th June, 1721, and there married Robert Thompson 20th December, 1743. (See *Boston Records and N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register,* Vol. 16, page 311.)

Children of Robert Thompson recorded in Lebanon are: 1. Ruth, "born in Boston, Mass.," 20th November, 1745, daughter of Robert and Rebecca Thompson. 2. Ann, born in "Newton" (Newtown), Conn., 21st August, 1755, daughter of Robert and Martha Thompson. 3. Robert, "yr" (their) son, born in Lebanon, Conn., 25th March, 1757.

In the Lebanon Records these names are all written together as one family, and are all there given as the children of one and the same Robert Thompson.

A lawyer was employed in 1844 to search the title of Robert Thompson to Nova Scotia lands. At that time this lawyer made a chart of this Robert Thompson's descendants, which is in the possession of the Wood family. This chart adds to the list of his children : 4, Desire, and 5, Martha, who married Patton Murray and who had a daughter Anne, the wife of George Graves, probably of St. John, N. B.

This chart also gives the important fact that Robert, son of the above Robert Thompson, was "slain in action." Probably Desire died young. Probably Martha was born in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick. Of the several heirs of Robert Thompson living in the United States in 1844 this lawyer's chart makes no mention. From the foregoing it

is seen that the children of Robert Thompson were: 1, Ruth; 2, Ann; 3, Robert; 4, Desire; 5, Martha. Robert Thompson probably died in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, for that is the last place in which he is said to have resided. See Appendix E. Nothing is known concerning the last days of his wives, Rebecca and Martha.

In 1759 the township of Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, was granted to about 150 prospective settlers, one of whom was Robert Thompson, of Lebanon, Conn. His share in the first grant was 750 acres. In 1763 he received an additional grant of 500 acres. He must soon after have gone to Nova Scotia to look after his property and there died, probably before the conditions of his grant were fulfilled. His son-in-law, Josiah Wood [4], then undertook to save the property, and in 1791 he mortgaged his Lebanon home and shop and his rights in his Cornwallis lands, and went to Nova Scotia, but died before reaching his Lebanon home, to which he was returning. In 1800 Josiah Wood[5], with his mother Ruth, went thither on the same quest, but for some unexplained reason the title was lost and the lands passed into other hands.

APPENDIX B.

Sarah Ayer, of Dorchester, N. B., wife of Josiah Wood, was the only child of Mariner Ayer and his wife, Amy Easterbrooks. She married (2) Philip Palmer, of Sackville, N. B.

Amy Easterbrooks, wife of Capt. Mariner Ayer, was the daughter of Valentine and Jacobina Easterbrooks. She was born 14th September, 1763. She married (2) Martin Bent, of Fort Lawrence, N. S., 12th December, 1786. She died 4th June, 1845.

Capt. Mariner Ayer was born about 1761, family tradition says while the family were on the voyage from Connecticut to New Brunswick ; hence the name of Mariner. He was the son of Elijah Ayer and his wife, Abigail Merrill. He married Amy Easterbrooks, 6th May, 1783. He was a master mariner, and died 10th March, 1785, in the wreck of his vessel off Grand Manan.

Elijah Ayer, father of Capt. Mariner Ayer, sold his property on Portipang Hill, Norwich, Conn., and removed to New Brunswick about 1761. (See Norwich, Conn., Land Records.) The following facts are recorded in Norwich :

Elijah Ayer and Content Werden, both of Norwich, were married —— November, 1746, and had Sarah, born 2nd July, 1748.

Content, wife of Elijah Ayer, died 15th June, 1749.

Elijah Ayer, of Norwich, and Abigail Merrill were married 26th March, 1752 (Also recorded in Windham.)

Sarah, daughter of Elijah and Content Ayer, died 10th December, 1752.

Elijah, son of Elijah and Abigail Ayer, was born 27th April, 1753.

Nehemiah, son of Elijah and Abigail Ayer, was born 22nd December, 1755, (married 11th September, 1783, Jacobina Bent.)

Sarah, daughter of Elijah and Abigail Ayer, was born 9th October, 1758.

Elijah Ayer had other children. His son Mariner is said to have been born on the sea. His sons Obadiah and Thomas must have been born in New Brunswick.

In the old graveyard at Sackville, N. B., are the following inscriptions :

"Sacred to the memory of Elijah Ayer, a native of Norwich, Connecticut, who died November 13th, 1799, in his 73rd year.

"Nehemiah Ayer, died 3rd October, 1842, in the 88th year of his age.

"Obadiah Ayer, died 9th December, 1856, in his 93rd year.

"Thomas Ayer, died 24th May, 1829, aged 62 years."

Elijah, son of Elijah and Abigail Ayer, married in Sackville, N. B., Elizabeth Hicks, 30th May, 1771, and had Dorothy, born 24th December, 1771. He settled in Eastport, Maine, before 1775. The other sons lived and died in Sackville, N. B.

The land records of Norwich, Conn., show that the father of Elijah Ayer, sr., of Norwich and Sackville, was Joseph Ayer, of Norwich, whose father was also Joseph Ayer. This last Joseph Ayer early bought land on Portipaug Hill, Norwich, and removed thither from Haverhill, Mass. He had two sons, Joseph and Timothy, one of whom, Joseph, deeded land at Portipaug to Elijah Ayer, calling him "my son." Here Elijah lived until he sold out and went to New Brunswick.

The Haverhill family of Ayers is descended from John Ayer, who was in this country as early as 1640. His descendants are very numerous in northern Massachusetts. The Norwich, Conn., branch still has representatives bearing the name of Ayer living at Portipaug. Their homes are situated at the foot of "Ayer's Mountain," the highest elevation in that vicinity. The Wood family of Norwich had their early homes in the same neighborhood.

APPENDIX C.

Charles Thompson Wood (see Family IV.) married Elizabeth Tracy, of Norwich, and had born there :

1. Rachel Tracy, b. ——, 1803, who married Daniel A. Carew, of Norwich, and with him moved to Kinsman, Ohio. He died 7th June, 1837, and she died about 1882.

2. Charles Joseph, b. 11th December, 1805. He married in Norwich 22nd May, 1831, Abby M. Bushnell, and immediately removed to Kinsman, Ohio, 31st January, 1902. Their children were :

1. Charles Tracy, b. 9th December, 1832; d. 1st December, 1845.

2. David Bushnell, b. 28th December, 1834 ; m. 12th October, 1869, Cornelia C. Pitcher, who died 14th December, 1900, in Springfield, Missouri, whither they had moved. He married (2) Miss Ida Reeve, 28th October, 1902, in Springfield, Missouri, where he still resides. His children are : (1) Nina Estella, b. 16th October, 1871; m. 25th February, 1891, Oscar M. Ferrin, a merchant in Oklahoma Territory, and has Mary Cornelia, b. 13th June, 1895, and Leroy Trueman, b. 31st October, 1896 ; (2) Grace Christine, b. 14th July, 1879 ; (3) Charles Herman, b. 18th August, 1882; d. 24th November, 1887, at Sibley, Iowa.

3. Mary Burnham, b. 30th July, 1837; m. 29th November, 1860, Ethelbert Fobes. She died 13th July, 1873; had one child, Charles Burt, b. 10th September, 1865.

4. Thomas Loren, b. 21st July, 1840; m. 3rd March, 1864, Mary A. Tracy. He was killed at the battle of Reams Station, Virginia, 29th June, 1864. He had no children.

5. Abby Sophia, b. 5th December, 1845 ; m. 16th March, 1869, William Wallace ; children : (1) Mary Crawford, b. 16th May, 1875 ; (2) Sophia Bushnell, b. 24th November, 1880 ; (3) Annie Eliza, b. 6th December, 1883.

6. Charles Burnham, b. 28th September, 1847; m. 8th May, 1881, Annie Ludwig ; children : (1) William Wallace, b. 17th January, 1883 ; (2) Carl Clifford, b. 20th June, 1884 ; (3) John Leroy, b. 3rd September, 1886.

7. Sarah Adelia, b. 14th March, 1852 ; m. 13th October, 1880, Sylvester Gillis ; children : (1) Frank, b. 14th June, 1883 ; (2) Mabel, b. 4th September, 1887.

Elizabeth Tracy, widow of Charles Thompson Wood, of Norwich, Conn., lived and died in Norwich. She did not remarry. Her two children, Rachel Tracy Wood and Charles Joseph Wood, lived with their uncle, Benjamin Tracy, of Norwich. He, having no children, willed all his property to these two children of his relative, Elizabeth (Tracy) Wood.

APPENDIX D.

Copies of letters in possession of Josiah Wood, Sackville, N. B.:

NEWPORT, May 4th, 1801.

Dear Son : After my sincere love to you, I inform you of my health which I at present enjoy. I have to request you to sail for this country as soon as possible, as I think it would be much to your advantage, and if you knew the anxiety I labor under to see you you would not delay the time. The vessel which bears this letter is bound to York, where she will be again in about six weeks. I think it will be best for you to go to York as soon as you receive this, and if no other opportunities offer you can work in some shop until this vessel returns. Any Plaster Paris vessel that you can hear of will forward you to this country. I wish you to bring down with you a pound or two of bees-wax and the little old bed if convenient, if Eunice can do without it, and the pieces of my red cloak ; likewise the stone sleeve buttons. I have wrote to Betsy, and wish you to write to Asa for me my sincere respects to all enquiring friends. I remain, dear son, your very affectionate mother,

RUTH WOOD.

(The above letter was on the first page. On the second page of the same sheet of paper were the two following letters :)

Dear Daughter : I am extremely impatient to hear from you. As I expect by this time you have changed your situation, if I live I expect I shall visit you as soon as Josiah and Charles is settled, and if Charles comes down soon I

shall be able most likely to come next spring and spend the summer with you. I have several things to send you, but dare not risk them till some vessel I find going directly to New London. I beg you to behave with prudence and discretion.

Betsy complains to me that you don't send her books. I wish you would not fail to send them as soon as possible. You must excuse this limited letter and wait with patience for my return. I am, Dr. Daughter,

Your Affectionate Mother,

Miss Eunice Wood. RUTHE WOOD.

Ever, Ever.

Dr. Sister : I can write you but 2 or 3 words. Just enough to convince you I have not forgot you. Desirous to hear of your welfare and live in the joyful expectation of seeing you another year. Pray remember me to the young ladies, my old acquaintances and such of the young gentlemen that enquire after me. Persuade some of them to write by Charles. Mamma wishes you to send an account of the things you had of hers by Charles. I remain, Dr. Sister, your friend and Brother,

JOSH WOOD.

Dorchester, County of Westmorland,
Province of New Brunswick,
October 26th, 1801.

Dear Son : If these Lines come safe to hand you will Learn by them that I have lately arrived in this place as above mentioned. Am in health and keeping house for Josiah, who somewhat expects to be married this winter or early in the Spring. He expects to be in Boston next Summer and if he don't visit you he will send the Deed. I wish you to write me a letter as soon as possible and direct it to Josiah Wood at Dorchester, County of Westmorland, Province of New Brunswick. I wish you to write very particular about all my children, and if I thought they were any ways anxious to see me I should visit them next fall if I could. Send your letter to Boston to some acquaintance there, desiring him to put it on board some vessel bound to Cumberland or to Saint John, N.B. I must particularly mention Eunice and your wife. Josiah sends his sincerest respects to your wife, as she was a girl he very much esteemed. He sends his love to Eunice and hopes to see her next summer. I am Dr. Son, with the Sincerest affection, your Mother,

Charles T. Wood. Ruth Wood.

The address was as within these lines :

Mr. Charles Th. Wood,
Hatter, Norwich,
State of Connecticut.

The above letter was written on one side of the sheet. It was folded, sealed with a wafer, and addressed as above on the back of the sheet — no envelope was used.

APPENDIX E.

Copy of Deed from Lebanon Land Records, Book 15, page 482.

"Know ye that we Josiah Wood and his wife, Ruth "Wood, both of Lebanon, in the County of Windham, in "the State of Connecticut, which said Ruth was Daughter "to Robert Thompson, late of said Lebanon, more lately of "Cornwallis, in the Province of Nova Scotia, now Deceased. "For the consideration of the sum of one hundred pounds "in lawful money of the State of Connecticut, received to "our full satisfaction of Ichabod Robinson, of Lebanon, in "the County of Windham and State of Connecticut, Do "give, grant, bargain and confirm unto the said Robinson "and to his heirs and assigns forever (in order to enable "him to reconvey to the said Josiah Wood, which he has "agreed to do) all the right, title, interest and estate which "the said Ruth Wood has, may or can have as heir at law to "the said Robert Thompson, deceased; of, in or unto all the "lands and real estate lying and being in said Cornwallis, "or at any other place in the Province of Nova Scotia, of "which the said Robert Thompson died seized whether the "same was set out to the said Robert in severalty or lay in "common with other proprietors and not divided :

"To have and to hold, etc., etc.

"Witness, William Williams and Betsy Wood.

"Dated 27 June, 1791."

Josiah Wood in Lebanon made his wife, Ruth Wood, his Agent and Attorney to manage his Lebanon property, on the 27th June, 1791. (*See Lebanon Land Records, Book 16, page 409.*)

Conveyances relating to Josiah Wood property in Lebanon, Connecticut. *(See Lebanon Land Records, Book 18, pages 85, 335 and 482, and Book 19, page 158).*

1. Charles T. Wood, of Norwich, to Samuel Bailey, of Lebanon—Deed—1-4 part of house and land in Lebanon, late the property of Josiah Wood, deceased, bounded on the main highway and Ichabod Robinson.

Dated 25th Oct., 1800.

2. Eunice Wood, of Norwich, deeds her right in estate of her father, Josiah Wood, deceased, house and 3-4 acre of land, to Samuel Bailey.

Dated 27th Dec., 1802.

Witness, Benjamin Tracy and Charles T. Wood.

3. Loring Parsons and Betsy Parsons, his wife, of the County of Montgomery, State of New York, deed to Samuel Bailey, Junior, undivided 1-4 of about one acre of land in Lebanon, formerly the property of Josiah Wood, deceased, being enclosed by land of Ichabod Robinson. Date, 15th Sept., 1800. Witnessed by Peter V. Veeder and John Goodwin. Ack. before Peter V. Veeder, Justice of the Peace at Broadalbin, Montgomery Co., New York, 29th Sept., 1800.

4. Samuel Bailey to Joseph Robinson, Deed—Three-quarter acre with old house, barn, shop and other buildings, all of which were conveyed to me by the heirs of Josiah Wood, deceased, and from the widow, Lucy Hyde; land located in South Society, 60 rods north of the brick meeting house, highway west. Dated April 1st, 1806.

Widow Lucy Hyde bought the right of Widow Little in this land, who received it as her dower in estates of her husband, Dr. Little.

APPENDIX F.

Copy of documents in possession of Charles B. Wood at Kinsman, Ohio, 16th October, 1901:

"This Indenture made the 13th day of August, 1794, "witnesseth that Asa Richardson, of Norwich, in New Lon- "don County and State of Connecticut, legal guardian to "Charles Wood, son of Mr. Josiah Wood, late of Lebanon, "in said State, hath by virtue of his said guardianship put, "placed and bound, and by these (by and with the consent "of said Minor) do bind the said Charles an apprentice to "Abiel Hyde, of said Norwich, and with him, the said "Hyde, to serve and dwell from the date hereof until he "the said apprentice shall arrive to the full age of twenty- "one years, which will be on the 19th day of Oct., 1800; "all which term he, the said apprentice, shall with the said "Hyde serve and dwell, his secrets keep, his lawful com- "mands obey, he shall not waste his said master's goods, "nor absent himself from his said master's service without "liberty during said term, but in all things behave himself "as a faithful apprentice ought to do. And the said Abiel "Hyde does on his part covenant and engage to teach and "instruct him, said apprentice, as far as he is capable, the "art and mystery of hat making in all the branches that "said Hyde carries on and also provide for said apprentice "good and sufficient meat, drink, washing and lodging, and "medicine if necessary in sickness and in health during "said term, and at the end of said term dismiss his said "apprentice with decent cloaths."

The lower part of this document had been torn off and above is all that remained. On the back of it was the following: "To whom it may concern,—I do certify that the

"within named Charles T. Wood has served a regular ap-
"prenticeship with me at the hatter's trade; he is a good
"workman. I am not ashamed to recommend him to any
"gentleman who wishes to incourage him in the hatter's
"business.

"This 20th day of October, 1800, I dismiss the within
"named Charles T. Wood with Honour.

"Abiel Hyde."

Copy of document in possession of Charles B. Wood, Kinsman, Ohio, relating to his father, Charles Joseph Wood :

"To whom it may concern, this may certify that Mr.
"Charles Wood has been in my employment several years
"in a Cotton Factory, last as Overseer of a Spinning Room,
"in which capacity he has given satisfaction beyond my
"expectation when he commenced. I have no hesitation in
"recommending him to possess the best requisites, steady
"habits, good sense, system and regularity in the manage-
"ment of his business and government of his Hands; for
"the experience he has had he is among the best ever in my
"employment.

"John Gray.

"Lisbon, Nov. 2nd, 1829."

APPENDIX G.

Copy of a letter from Rachel Carew (wife of Daniel Carew) to her brother, Charles Joseph Wood, written shortly after he emigrated from Norwich, Conn., to Kinsman, Ohio. The original of this letter is in possession of his son, Charles B. Wood, of Kinsman, Ohio :

NORWICH, October 9th, 1831.

Dear Brother and Sister: I rejoiced to hear (by way of Mr. Bushnel's letter) of your prosperity. I feel a great desire to see you in your new habitation and am much disappointed in that we cannot come this fall, we have our "ups and downs," about moving; at one time we thought we were sure of selling, and for the space of one week I was flying to you, but the pretended purchaser "backed out;" but I hope we shall succeed better another year. When I consider the distance between us, I exclaim, O why is it that we are so far separated, the time is so short that we have to stay in this world that it seems as though we might live nearer together. But the great Father of all gives us hopes and prospects of better things, which enables us better to bear the disappointments which we have to pass through. I spent ten days at Uncle Kinsman's a short time since. Grandmother Tracy's health is very feeble. I had a short letter from Cousin Maria Hoar, dated the 4th of June, stating that Grandmother Wood's health was quite comfortable, so that she could sit up the most of the day. Cousin Josiah is in partnership at his trade with a young man in Hartford, and boards at home. Mr. Fuller, that brought the letter, said that Maria's health is remarkably

good, that she is quite rational and is braiding hats; she desired to know if Charles had moved to the west, as they had heard such a report. I have not answered her letter yet. I know not whether Mr. F. has returned to Hartford. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Watrons have lost their only son of the cauker-rash. Mrs. Elisha Mansfield likewise died last week of a kind of consumption, I believe. Mr. George Andrews is married to a Miss Lad. Widow Gurdon Bushnell is also married. Levi Perry and Emily Charleton are married. Henry Harris sailed out of N. London in June on a whaling expedition; we have lately had news of his good health and faithfulness. Mrs. Harris continues to occupy half of the house, but we intend to have it set off next month if she persists in holding it. Uncle B. T. desired me to write his love to you. George sends his and likewise wishes that Uncle Charles would come along with a load of wood. I found some pieces of your vest in one of my drawers, and as this letter is to go free I think I will venture to put them in. I shall likewise send you some seeds of a vergaloas and quince. Give my respects to Esq. B.'s family, and especially to Uncle and Aunt; also to Mrs. R., etc. From your affectionate sister,

Rachel Carew.

The above letter was written on one side of a sheet of foolscap paper. On the other side of the sheet was the following letter, written by the husband, Daniel Carew :

Dear Charles: I improve the present private opportunity to inform you of our good health, as I perceive Rachel has not. We thought we had sold to R. Morgan, but he skunk't from his bargain. He now laies it all to mother, but I find you can't hold him unless you have it in black

and white. Mrs. Harris does not yet give us an answer whether she will sell or not. The County Court sits next month, and if she does nothing about it before that time I shall bring a petition and have it set off. Mrs. Isaiah W. Hollaway wishes me to request you to enquire of Capt. D. Allen what sum is the least he will take for that small place of his on the opposite side of the road and write him an answer. It is that small log house and how much land there is with it. He wants about 7 acres, but if there is a little more or less it will make no odds. As to coming out to Kinsman I don't know what to say to you. I have thought sometimes of putting my house and land joining up at auction, for I suppose I could sell the rest at any time. Morgan says he will let me have $500 and wait till the property can be sold, but Uncle Kinsman and my mother advise not to take it, as he may give me trouble. So we must stay where we are at present. It has been a remarkably wet season and very productive one. It is now the 9th of Oct. and we have not frost enough to kill the tender vines. Uncle B. remains pretty much the same kind of person he ever was, but we get along with him as well as we could expect. He is an old child and we make allowance. Charles, I want you, if you ever do write us, to inform me what you think of my selling at auction. It would probably not sell at this time for its value. Give my respects to Mrs. Wood and a large share to yourself. N. B.—You will perceive by this that we have not forgotten you, although it seems you have us, for we should not have known you was in the land of the living if

The above is all there was on this sheet of paper. It would appear that this letter was continued on another sheet.

APPENDIX H.

During the preparation of this pamphlet efforts were made to trace the ancestry of Thomas Wood of Rowley. These were not successful; but the following facts are considered worthy of mention in that connection:

Col. Eliphalet Dyer visited England in 1763 (*See "Universities and their Sons," Vol. 5, page 179, and "Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography."*)

He bought out for Annie (Wood) Elderkin, wife of Col. Jedediah Elderkin of Windham, Conn., a crest and coat-of-arms. They were understood to be the crest and coat-of-arms of the Wood family, to which she belonged. She was the daughter of Thomas Wood[3], of Norwich, Conn., who was a grandson of Thomas Wood of Rowley. They were retained by Mrs. Elderkin and her descendants until 1872, when they were deposited with the Long Island Historical Society of Brooklyn, New York.

In the Library of Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., in the Publication of the Harleian Society, Vol. XXXII, for the year 1891, is found the following :

"The visitation of Norfolk, made and taken by William Hervey, Clarencieux King of Arms, Anno. 1563, enlarged with another visitation made by Clarencieux Cooke, with many other descents, and also the visitation made by John Raven, Richmond, Anno. 1613 (compiled by Richard Mundy), edited by Walter Rye, London, 1891."

WOOD.

Harl. 1552, ink fo. 13,

ARMS.— *Per pale argent and sable, on a chevron between three martlets as many trefoils all counterchanged.*

CREST.— *A martlet with wings expanded argent, holding in the beak a tulip proper, stalked and leaved vert.*

Edmond Wood of Norwich, gent—Elizabeth da. of —— Peyrs of Norwich.

Sr. Robert Wood was Mayor of Norwich & knighted by Her Majesty in the time of her progress.—Ann 3 da. to Augustyne Steward.

1 Edmond Wood, ob. s.p.

2 Robert Wood of Thurston.—Anne da. & coh of John Wolmer of Thurston.

Elizabeth Wood.

Austyn S.P.

1 Rob. Wood.

2 Edmond.

3 Philip.

Frances.

Alice.

3 Peter Wood of the City of Norwich.—Martha da. of Thomas Ward of Brooke in Norf.

1 Robert.

2 Augustyn.

3 Edmond.

Mary.

Ann.

In another publication from Harleian MSS, edited by Rev. G. H. Dashwood and continued by others, 1878, Vol. I., page 27, are further particulars of the Wood family of Norwich, England. There is, however, nothing in these records, nor have any records been found furnishing positive proof that Thomas Wood, of Rowley, was descended from this Wood family of Norwich, Norfolk County, England, but that he may have been seems highly probable for the following reasons.

The crest and coat-of-arms procured for Mrs. Elderkin in 1763 are the same as those of the Norwich family.

They were brought out as the crest and coat-of-arms of the family to which she belonged and were retained by her as such.

At the time Mrs. Elderkin procured them (1763) her father, Thomas Wood[3], of Norwich, carpenter (who was grandson of Thomas Wood[1], of Rowley), was living, and it is only reasonable to assume that it would then be known through family tradition from what part of England they came and what were their family connections there.

Until more positive proof can be obtained there will be uncertainty in regard to this connection. Possibly future investigation may remove the doubts now existing.

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